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The Kwangsi Military District established a Southern Kwangsi Coastal Command to strengthen coastal defenses of 4 hsien in the Ch'inhsien (I08-37, 2I-58) - Hop'u (I09-I0) area. The new command has the authority and position roughly equivalent to that of a military sub-district. With headquarters at Peihai (I09-05, 2I-24), its mission is to control the coast and improve harbor defenses. Local Public Security troops in Lingshan (I09-14, 22-24), Fangch'eng (I08-23, 2I-46), Hop'u and Ch'inhsien have been placed under the command of this organization along with other troops in these areas.

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